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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

ARGENTINA.

Buenos Aires—Plague.

The American consul general at Buenos Aires reports October 7: Several cases of plague have recently occurred in a hospital. Three of the cases ended fatally. No other cases are known to be present in Buenos Aires and there has been no spread of the disease.

AUSTRALIA.

Sydney—Examination of Rats.

According to information issued by the department of health of New South Wales 1,434 rats were examined at Sydney during the month of August, 1912, for plague infection. No plague-infected rat was found.

The last case of human plague was notified May 29, 1909.

The last plague-infected rodent was found April 25, 1910.

CHINA.

Amoy—Plague.

Acting Asst. Surg. Strick reports the occurrence of 15 deaths from plague at Amoy during the week ended August 24, 1912.

Hongkong—Plague—Plague-infected Rats.

Surg. Brown reports: During the week ended August 17, 1912, there were reported at Hongkong 4 cases of plague with 4 deaths and during the week ended August 24, 1912, 2 cases with 2 deaths.

During the two weeks ended August 24 there were examined for plague infection 2,360 rats. Two plague-infected rats were found.

CUBA.

Habana—Inspection of Vessels Clearing for the United States.

Acting Asst. Surg. Wilson reports as follows regarding the inspection of vessels clearing for ports in the United States:

Week ended Sept. 21, 1912.

Bills of health issued.....	25
Vessels inspected and passed.....	21
Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....	1,003
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	562
Vessels fumigated to kill rats.....	13
Vessels fumigated by Cuban authorities under the supervision of the United States Public Health Service	1
Vessels certified as complying with paragraph 35, United States Quarantine Regulations.....	10
Bills of health issued recommending fumigation of vessel on arrival at United States port.....	3

During the week under report 500 rats were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rat was found.